

FLEET WILL LAND FISH WHERE BUYER IS FOUND

Mackerel Fishermen Make Change in Schedule---Craft To Be Limited to 20,000 Pounds Catch in Week

Mackerel skippers and vessel owners voted Saturday at their fifth get-together and five-hour chin-fest at the Master Mariners chamber, to allow vessels to land catches at any port along the coast where a buyer may be found. They also voted that the fleet of 58 should sail in two groups, 29 this week and 29 next Sunday; that each craft shall only land a total of 20,000 during its entire week and that any vessel may remain out until it has caught that total; that instead of each group sharing its respective pooling of stocks, the entire 58 vessels will throw in their stock and all will share in the two weeks' pooling according to their catch; that the difference between large and small price in the average price considered in the pooling shall be but one cent, and after the smoke of battle had cleared, many of the skippers put their "John Hancock" to an agreement that any seiner violating any rule adopted at the meeting, will forfeit the stock of the trip in question.

Lots Doing.

After the week just passed, it was expected that the air would be "blue" with fireworks galore, and no one was disappointed, for argument piled upon argument, and although Capt. John A. Dahlmer of the Superior, president of the Fishing Masters Producers association, endeavored to preside, he found himself in the midst of a storm which threatened to crash the entire union on the rocks at one time. But the level-headedness of the leaders asserted itself and the fact that it was suggested that the crews of the vessels would insist upon the agreements being obeyed, and the union preserved, or else they would stay ashore, changed the complexion of the meetings, and the pact survived.

Halving the fleet seemed to have proven advantageous, and although several suggestions were made to alter this plan, one of which was to introduce a rotary system whereby as fast as one vessel returned to port with a catch, another boat would sail in its place, the latter idea appeared altogether too complex, and too difficult to regulate and so the original plan was continued with practically the same boats as before in the same groups. The fares were again limited because of the scarcity of fish at present, which will probably allow but one or two trips a week for a boat anyway, and also to give the market the opportunity to dispose of the catch. The mackerel at present are running wild as they say, and a school is here one minute and gone the next. If every seiner gets 20,000 pounds within the next two weeks,

that will mean over a million pounds for the market to handle. Fourth of July week is a rather slow one for the fisheries, it was stated.

Land Anywhere.

The seiners agreed to cancel the ruling that mackerel should be landed at Boston or Gloucester only. Boston turned down thousands of pounds last week. There has been a good market in New Bedford, and probably other ports will also be able to take a few fares before the two weeks is over. Boston buyers at the Fish pier, on the other hand, claim that the demand did not warrant them to take the amount landed last week, and that what they did take had to go to cold storage for the most part. However, Saturday they took the 20,000 pounds fare of the Nova Julia for something like seven cents per pound.

Every catch in the next two weeks will share in the pool of all the stocks, according to the ruling Saturday, and the pool will be handled by John Nagle Company of Boston, assisted by Dench and Hardy, and R. M. Kelley Company, both of the Hub. No vote was taken as to when the next get-together of these seiners might be, but it is certain sure that there will be no session next Saturday, for that's when the Italian fiesta takes place.

The craft in the first group began to leave last night, and all through yesterday various ones got away to be the first to land fish in hopes of striking the market right. Others are taking it easy and waiting to see how the other fellow makes out with the buyers.

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

TWO MORE SMACKS ARRIVE FROM N. S. WITH LOBSTER CARGOES.

In sailed the luxurious 31-foot Marconi-rigged auxiliary yacht Dondiroja Sunday, completing a leisure cruise along the coast from Brooklyn, New York, with Skipper Randolph E. Tyrrel aboard and at the helm. Take it from Squibs, that's the life for a crimson-corpuscled "hoomanbean," idling this old existence away, afloat on the deep with a healthy spread of canvas to take one hither and yon. Capt. Tyrrel is no grizzled old salt, but is just a healthy young New Yorker who is inhaling the invigorating zephyrs of the Bay State coast. With him are Walter E. Soltmann and Loren E. Baker, and when the gang at the Gorton-Pew Cold Storage spotted the craft, they thought that the Roosevelt party had returned to these waters.

The skipper said that they had stopped off at New London, to view the annual college classic between Harvard and Yale and intend to return to Martha's Vineyard. 'Tis a vacation they are on, and they are determined to make the most of it. Best of luck to 'em, says we.

The mackerel seiner Bethulia with Skipper Joe Curcurru aboard, arrived yesterday morning at Boston, after landing his quota of 20,000 pounds. He stopped off at his brother, Capt. Benny's wharf at the Producers' Fish company at the Fort, and will also be a vacationist here with his crew for the next two weeks. The craft left Sunday morning and returned in less than 24 hours.

Incidentally Skipper Joe had a few left and the lucky ones at the wharf were given a mess of them for the day's dinner, Squibs being among them. And were they good!

Old Gloucester has been getting more than her share of that thick and hardly delicious atmospheric soup which blankets the harbor and the entire ocean. 'Twas so dense this morning, that even the gulls were lost. It must have been tough at sea for the seiners.

Skipper Simon Theriault is scheduled to sail tonight in the halibut American, bound for the Grand Banks or vicinity again. Who knows but what he may have the honor of presenting a 60-pound halibut to the Prince of Wales next? President Roosevelt must have enjoyed that fresh gift from the briny which Capt. Theriault presented him in person at Casco bay, Maine.

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The lobster smack Nova II, with Capt. C. J. Marr at the wheel, was at the Consolidated Lobster company's wharf at Bay View Sunday with 284 crates of live lobsters, hailing from Petit de Gras, Nova Scotia.

Skipper Lester Crawley from Main-adieu, Nova Scotia, brought the lobster smack Grace M. Cribbie to Bay View yesterday with 20,000 pounds of live lobsters for the same concern.

The fish of the deep, located out by Thacher's, are on a diet, having started last night when the news was relayed to them that the members of the Club Beau Monde were going on a fishing party soon. It certainly is a lot of encouragement to the poor fish to realize that some people remain in the world with large hearts, and thickly baited hooks to give them plenty of grub for this annual banquet.

Talking about the plight of the mackerel seiners, reminds Squibs that other years have not been so very peaceful in this portion of the industry. Take 1908 for instance. It was a hot summer, and there were hotter dealers who banded together, 11 of them, to buck the so-called company which was trying to exterminate the independents.

Newport, Rhode Island, was the central battlefield, and here they fought it out, chartering trains to stop the minority from shipping their fish, and trying to corner the barrel market. The independents watched the prices offered by the "trust" and would raise their "ante" a cent each, thus giving the seiners more of a stock. Today however, there is no scrapping over the price.

And speaking of mackerel on Boston Fish pier, what about the 29th of June, 1908, when over 278,000 mackerel by count, all large ones, arrived from Georges, besides 746 barrels of salt mackerel. That was a record landing for many seasons at the time, and the price stood at 10 cents each for large, which would probably average better than three cents per pound. And that price 25 years ago when the standard of living was far more reasonable to uphold, must have given the fishermen a decent wage for their hard labor.

Incidentally, the undersized skipper who had the best trip of them all, was one Marty Welch whom the whole world knew a few years ago as the plucky Gloucester sailor-man who showed the Nova Scotian Delawanna, a few tricks about sailing a boat. Cap'n Marty had the Lucania in those days, and returned with 30,000 large mackerel, to top the fleet, and maintain his proud position as the mackerel "killer." Besides that he had 60 barrels of salt mackerel aboard. They were fishermen, with a capital "F," and don't you forget it!

The second best trip was that of Skipper Norman A. Ross in the sch. Veda M. McKown who had 22,000 large and a dozen barrels of salt fish. Capt. Norm today is piloting the destiny of the yacht Blue Dolphin, which is certainly a wide departure from following the schools. **SQUIBS.**

Nova Scotia News

Robert Mosher, of Mosher's Island, was in Bridgewater Friday, by motor boat with a good catch of halibut, salmon and herring, which he disposed of in the local markets. He said that the fishing industry in his district has improved the past week, some of the boats averaging from one to two quintals per day, only a few miles from land. Bait is plentiful, considerable herring being taken in the nets near LaHave Ironbound. Some small halibut have been caught by the fishermen lately off Cape LaHave.

Salmon is scarce, very few being taken in the nets last week.

Several of the fishermen of LaHave Islands, have left for the banks with the handline vessels of La Have.

N. F. Codfish

Interest at present centers about the new season's catch. The Norwegian fishery is almost over for this season. While the catch was smaller than that of last year, more of it has been split and salted. Iceland's catch to date is greatly in excess of last year, and if Newfoundland this year equals her production of last year the world supply will be larger than it was last year. The Porto Rico market is overstocked and prices are far from satisfactory and stocks are exceptionally heavy. Italy it is reported, is absorbing all stocks of codfish in the market and Spain is taking moderate supplies of good quality.—St. John's N. F. Herald and Trade Review.

Portland, Me., News.

Eight vessels landed nearly 60,000 pounds of groundfish and a Boothbay netter 8000 pounds of mackerel at Portland, Me., fish piers, Monday. The mackerel catch was taken from the Falcon, Capt. Ed Brackett, while the groundfish fares were: The Helen Mae and the Verna G., 12,000 pounds each; the Medric, 10,000 pounds; the Annie T. Mack and the U and I, 7000 pounds each; the Onward III and the Pofisco, 5000 pounds each.

Portland, Me., vessels landed swordfish fares Monday, two at Portland piers and the other at Boston. The Eleanor, Capt. Tom Brigham, took out 25 fish at Portland and the Alice M. Doughty, Capt. Albert Smith, 11 fish.

Lobsters Up.

Last arrivals of lobsters at the Boston fish pier sold for \$25 per crate. This compares with \$24 per crate paid on the corresponding week of 1932.

Bait Report

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. Ice available.

Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.

Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available.

Port Hawkesbury — Twenty-five thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.

Queensport—Fresh bait scarce.

Shelburne—Fresh herring for bait available.

Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Herring very scarce. Few mackerel taken yesterday.

THREE FARES OF MACKEREL

FISH LANDINGS FROM ALL SOURCES RATHER LIGHT THIS FORENOON.

Fresh fish landed here since yesterday amounted to 40,000 pounds of mackerel, sole and cod, while two lobster boats brought in 62,000 pounds of lobsters for the Consolidated Lobster Company of Bay View. The seiner Marianna, Capt. Cosmo Parco, had 15,000 pounds of mostly small mackerel which were taken by the Cape Ann Cold Storage at the Fort, while the dragger Gilbert had 14,000 pounds of sole which went to Murray & Tarr's at the Fort. Six gill netters hauled for a total of 8000 pounds of cod.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Marianna, seining, 15,000 lbs. mackerel, mostly small.

Gilbert, dragging, 14,000 lbs. sole.

Mary A., jigging, 2000 lbs. cod.

C4188, netting, 500 lbs. mackerel.

Steven M., netting, 1000 lbs. mackerel.

Corinthian via Boston.

Smack Grace M. Cribbie via Main-adieu, Nova Scotia, 20,000 lbs. live lobsters.

Smack Nova II, via Petit de Gras, Nova Scotia, 284 crates live lobsters.

Newcastle via Boston.

Bethulia, via Boston.

Antonio via Boston.

St. Provvidenza II, via Boston.

Sebastiana C., via Boston.

Serafina II, via Boston.

Jackie B., via Boston.

Babe Sears via Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Naomi Bruce II., 2000 lbs. cod.

Nashawena, 1500 lbs. cod.

Liboria C., 1500 lbs. cod.

Enterprise, 1000 lbs. cod.

Phyllis A., 1000 lbs. cod.

Virginia and Joan, 1000 lbs. cod.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived.

Auxiliary yacht Dondiroja, New London

U. S. Coast Guard cutter, Acushnet, patrol duty.

Barge Bourne, via Sewall's Point, West Virginia, 2000 tons soft coal for Gloucester Coal and Lumber Company.

U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Dix, for harbor.

Sailed.

Norkap II., Iceland.

On the Ways.

The Helena is on Rocky Neck marine railways to repair her shoe.

TIMES FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Large salt trawl cod, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.50.

Large cusk, \$1.50; medium, \$1.

Hake, \$1.

Fish not gilled, large cod, 20 cents less; medium cod, 15 cents less.

Splitting Prices.

Large fresh cod, \$1.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1; snappers, 50 cents.

Haddock, 50 cents.

Hake, 60 cents.

Pollock, 50 cents.

Large cusk, 75 cents; medium, 50 cents.

BIG FLEET AT BOSTON TODAY

**FORTY-THREE ARRIVALS IN-
CLUDE DOZEN WITH MACK-
EREL—PRICES LOW.**

A fleet of 43 craft was on hand at the Boston fish pier this morning. A half dozen of them had swordfish. There were a dozen trips of mackerel and the rest had ground and flat fish. Total receipts were 485,000 pounds of groundfish, 201 swordfish, 140,000 pounds of mixed fish and 157,000 pounds of fresh mackerel. Prices were about the same as yesterday on groundfish. Mackerel brought 2 to 3 1-2 cents.

The gasoline boat Dominion Halsyd from Isaacs Harbor, N. S., yesterday brought 588 crates of live lobsters, oen of the season's largest lots. They were unloaded at Pier 4, South Boston.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Three Sisters, 20,000 mackerel.
Catherine Graffeo, 20,000 mackerel.
Grace F., 13,000 mackerel.
Old Glory, 15,000 mackerel.
Dacia, 7000 mackerel.
St. Provvidenza, 19,000 mackerel.
Salvatore, 15,000 mackerel.
Rose Marie, 13,000 mackerel.
Catherine Burke, 14,000 mackerel.
Antonina, 20,000 mackerel.
Marv Martin, 600 mackerel, 600 butterfish.
Lucy, 1200 mackerel.
Thomaston, 27 swordfish.
Theresa and Dan, 33 swordfish.
America, 36 swordfish.
A. Piatt Andrew, 27 swordfish.
Magellan, 38 swordfish.
Evalina M. Goulart, 40 swordfish.
Str. Ebb, 53,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Str. White Cap, 30,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.
Yankee, 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.
Venture II., 30,000 haddock, 1300 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.
Andover, 70,000 haddock, 10,000 scrod.
Marjorie Parker, 18,000 haddock, 21,000 cod.
Rhodora, 15,000 haddock, 44,000 cod, 9000 mixed fish.
Teazer, 22,000 haddock, 42,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Ingomar, 30,000 cod.

arrivals at Boston with 3,437,200 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 63 arrivals and receipts of 2,731,200 pounds in the corresponding week of 1932.

Receipts were divided as follows:
1933—1,767,000 pounds of haddock; 321,800 pounds of large cod; 428,400 pounds of market cod; 920,000 pounds of mixed fish.

1932—1,175,600 pounds of haddock; 374,000 pounds of large cod; 268,000 pounds of market cod; 912,200 pounds of mixed fish.

From January 1 to date there have been 2740 arrivals with 103,051,800 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 2513 arrivals with 98,333,017 pounds in the same period of last year.

N. F. Lobsters

The Newfoundland lobster fishery does not give promise of being any better than that of the Maritime Provinces. Results to date are far from satisfactory. The catches in some districts are very small. The condition of the markets indicate that a comparatively small catch will be sufficient to meet the requirements. The increased value of the pound will continue to help the price, and any reduction in the rate of duty by Germany will be beneficial to local exporters. Shipments of live lobsters from the Maritimes to Boston are realizing but low prices.—St. John's N. F. Herald and Trade Review.

LIGHT LANDINGS AT THIS PORT

**LESS THAN 10,000 POUNDS FISH
RECEIVED IN PAST
24 HOURS.**

Less than 10,000 pounds of mackerel and cod were landed here since yesterday, partly because of the fog which hindered the fishing activities of the small fleet, and partly because the fish just aren't there.

The small seiner, Six Brothers, with 3000 pounds of mackerel was at William B. McDonald's this morning. Many of the seiners and swordfishermen returned to port last night, the former to remain for two weeks, and the latter to get new supplies for another try in the vicinity of Georges.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts

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Nova Antonio, netting, 500 lbs. mackerel.
C 2052, jigging, 400 lbs. cod.
Six Brothers, seining, 3000 lbs. mackerel.
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Catherine Graffeo, via Boston.
Grace F., via Boston.
Rose Marie, via Boston.
Antonina, via Boston.
Thomaston, via Boston.
A. Piatt Andrew, via Boston.
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Sailed.

Desire, swordfishing.
Little David, swordfishing.
Killarney, haddocking.
American, halibuting.

THIRTY-FOUR IN BOSTON'S FLEET

**TOTAL RECEIPTS OVER A MIL-
LION POUNDS THIS MORNING
—PRICES LOWER.**

A fleet numbering 34 vessels reached the Boston fish pier this morning. Ten had mackerel catches and three swordfish. The rest brought ground and flat fish. Total receipts were 711,000 pounds of groundfish, 159,500 pounds of fresh mackerel, 124 swordfish and 160,000 pounds of mixed fish.

The market was lower on most varieties, codfish leading in the slump. Mackerel sold for 3.75 to 4.30 cents for large and 2 to 2 1-4 cents for small.

The St. John steamer brought down a shipment of 332 crates of live lobsters yesterday.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Olivia Brown, 44 swordfish.
Marie and Winnifred, 50 swordfish.
Elva and Estelle, 30 swordfish.
Three Sisters, 20,000 mackerel.
Dacia, 19,000 mackerel.
Sarah M., 400 mackerel.
Old Glory, 5000 mackerel.
Fannie F. Hickey, 20,000 mackerel.
Famiglia, 14,000 mackerel.
Natale II., 20,000 mackerel.
Capt. Drum, 20,000 mackerel.
Alice and Mildred, 18,000 mackerel.
Linta, 19,500 mackerel.
Str. Brookline, 40,000 haddock, 47,000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.
Str. Winthrop, 35,000 haddock, 31,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Str. Boston College, 28,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.
Str. Fabia, 40,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 27,000 mixed fish.
Str. Cornell, 110,000 haddock, 7000 mixed fish.
Vandal, 14,000 haddock, 500 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
Milton, 40,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
Geraldine and Phyllis, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Shamrock, 40,000 haddock, 38,000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.
Mary DeCosta, 26,000 cod.
J. M. Marshall, 55,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 4000 mixed fish.
Imperator, 300 haddock, 100,000 cod, 8000 mixed fish.
catch of about 800 pounds per boat. Fish are plentiful and mackerel are being caught, which gives the men what bait is needed. There is no market for fish there.

Nova Scotia Rait Report.

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. Ice available.
Halifax—Twenty thousand pounds frozen herring available.
Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.
Lockeport—Limited quantity of bait only.
Lunenburg—No bait. Ice available.
Sch. Shirley B. Corkum arrived in port.
North Sydney—No bait. Ice available.
Port Hawkesbury — Twenty-five thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available.
Queensport—No fresh bait.
Shelburne—Fresh herring for bait available.
Yarmouth—Plenty fresh and frozen bait and ice available.
Grindstone—Few mackerel taken yesterday. Some herring at Amherst. scarce elsewhere.

Portland News.

Only three vessels landed fish fares at Portland Tuesday. The Georgie Bowden took out 9000 pounds, the Medric 8000 pounds and the St. Michale 6000 pounds.

The Coast Guard patrol boat Antietam put into Portland for harbor from the fog Tuesday afternoon and dropped anchor off the Maine State Pier.